Complet S t of Claims:

1-27 (Cancelled).

28. (original) A compound which has the structure:

$$1/m M^{m+}$$
 R_1
 R_2
 CH
 R_5

or

$$1/m M^{m+}$$
 R_1
 R_2
 CH
 R_5
 R_6
 (I')

wherein for X is oxygen or sulfur; wherein when X represents oxygen, n is the integer 2, 3, 4, or 5; and wherein when X represents sulfur, n is the integer 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5; and R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are, independently, unsubstituted and substituted alkyl groups containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkylene groups containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, substituted aryl groups containing 7 to 12 carbon atoms, or unsubstituted aryl groups; alternatively either of R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 in (I) include hydrogen; alternatively, R_1 and R_2 are part of a second unsubstituted or substituted cyclic borate; R_1 and R_2 alternatively comprise a spiro ring or a spiro-ether ring; alternatively, R_1 or R_2 together with R_3 or R_4 in (I) are linked to form a cycloaliphatic ring; alternatively in (I) R_1 or R_2 together with either R_3 or R_4 comprise a cyclic ether ring; and M is any positively charged species with m being greater than 0.

29. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

wherein M is a counter ion with charge m or +1, +2 or +3.

30. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

31. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

32. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

$$1/m M^{m+}$$

wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

33. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

34. (original)The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

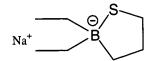
wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

35. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

$$1/m M^{m+}$$

wherein M is a counter ion with charge m +1, +2, or +3.

36. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:



wherein M is a counter ion with charge m of +1, +2, or +3.

37. (original) The compound of claim 28 having the structure:

wherein M is a counter ion with charge m + 1, +2, or +3.

38. (currently amended) A bonded composite comprising a first substrate, a second substrate, and a cured composition that adhesively bonds the first and second substrates together, wherein the composition results from the curing of a composition comprising:

- (a) at least one acrylic monomer;
- (b) an internally blocked borate compound having a ring structure (I I) or (II')

$$1/m M^{m+} = R_1 \xrightarrow{\Theta} X (CR_3R_4)_n \qquad (II)$$

$$R_2 \xrightarrow{CH} R_5$$

wherein X represents –CHR $_7$ - , oxygen or sulfur; n is the integer 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, and R $_1$, R $_2$, R $_3$, R $_4$, R $_5$, R $_6$ and R $_7$ are independently selected from unsubstituted and substituted alkyl or alkylene groups containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, substituted aryl groups having up to 7 to 12 carbon atoms, and unsubstituted

aryl groups; alternatively either of R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 and R_7 are hydrogen; R_1 and R_2 alternatively are part of a second unsubstituted or substituted cyclic borate; R_1 and R_2 alternatively comprise a spiro ring or a spiro-ether ring; R_1 or R_2 together with R_3 or R_4 alternatively are linked to form a cycloaliphatic ring; and R_1 or R_2 together with either R_3 or R_4 alternatively comprise a cyclic ether ring; and R_1 is any positively charged species with charge m greater than 0.

- 39. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein the one of said substrates is formed from a material that has a surface energy of less than 45 mJ/m².
- 40. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein the first substrate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, a polypropylene, a polypropylene and a fluoroplastic.
- 41. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein both the first and second substrates are formed from a material having a surface energy of less than 45 mJ/m².
- 42. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein both the first and second substrates comprise materials independently selected from the group consisting of a polyethylene, a polypropylene, a polyvinylchloride and a fluoroplastic.
- 43. (original) A bonded composite according to claim 38 wherein R_1 and R_2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups having 2 to 5 carbon atoms.